

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 19-36 have been allowed. Minor typographical errors in Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been corrected, e.g., replacing "Z" with "z" and in Claim 4 correcting the misspellings of "furan", "acid" and "methyl". Claim 32 has been revised to remove the redundant term "OH", since when  $R^2$  is  $OR^6$ , it may be  $-OH$  since H is one selection of  $R^6$ . No new matter has been added and in view of the nature of the changes, no new search is required.

CONCLUSION

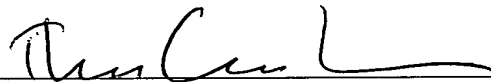
The Applicants respectfully request entry of the corrections presented in the Amendment above prior to issuance of this application as a patent.

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